

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISH MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, June 27, 2017

Richardson & Robbins Building Auditorium

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ADVISORY COUNCIL

1. Edward A. Montague, Chair
2. Garrett Grier, Jr., Vice Chair
3. Raymond F. Burris
4. Neal Dukes
5. Craig A. Karsnitz (Absent)
6. Joe C. Johnson
7. Steven M. Kendus
8. Dale R. Scuse (Absent)

DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

1. Rob Hossler
2. Capt. Nick Couch
3. Craig Rhoads
4. Karen Bennett
5. Johnny Moore
6. Joe Rogerson
7. Karen Kennedy

PUBLIC

0 Visitors

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Montague at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Item 1. Approval of Minutes (Chairman).

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the May 30, 2017 meeting minutes as written.

Agenda Item 2. Shad Hatchery Update (Johnny Moore).

Johnny Moore, biologist with the Fisheries Section, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Nanticoke Shad Restoration Project. This project started in 2000 due to declining shad populations in the Nanticoke Watershed. The shad hatchery spawning process involves: (1) captured American shad adults spawning in the hatchery tank, (2) egg collection, (3) egg transfer to incubation jars for three to five days and (4) egg jars moved to culture tanks to hatch. Three days after hatching the shad fry are exposed to the antibiotic OTC to permanently mark their inner ear bone for later identification. The shad fry are then stocked in the Nanticoke River and Broad Creek. Over 1.3 million shad from the hatchery have been stocked this year, which should continue to support the recent increase in shad abundance in the Nanticoke Watershed. This project will continue until the shad population increases to a sustainable level capable of supporting a fishery.

Agenda Item 3. Conservation Access Pass (Karen Bennett).

Karen Bennett, administrator for the Division's Outreach, Licensing and Grants Management Section, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Delaware's new Conservation Access Pass (CAP). Effective July 1, 2017, a CAP is required for all registered motor vehicles accessing most of Delaware's State Wildlife Areas for recreational activities such as birdwatching, wildlife photography, hiking and horseback riding, as well as hunting. CAPs will be available annually from July 1 through June 30. The CAP is not a decal, but rather prints on an 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of paper that must be clearly displayed on the vehicle's dashboard. Delaware hunters can obtain an **annual** CAP for a single vehicle free of charge with the purchase of any hunting license. Division of Fish & Wildlife sites exempt from the CAP include the Michael N. Castle Trail, designated fishing and boating access areas, educational facilities and shooting ranges. For a complete list of areas where the CAP is and is not required, please visit the Division's website at www.de.gov/fw. The CAP may be obtained online, at authorized license agents throughout the State or at the Division's licensing desk in the Richardson & Robbins Building at 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE. Your vehicle registration card must be available to obtain a CAP. CAP costs are:

Resident Annual Pass:	\$32.50
Resident Consecutive 3-Day Pass:	\$10.00
Non-Resident Annual Pass:	\$65.00
Non-Resident Consecutive 3-Day Pass:	\$20.00
Transfer to Vehicle of Same Ownership:	\$10.00

Agenda Item 4. Division Update (Rob Hossler).

Rob Hossler, Wildlife Section Administrator, provided the following legislation update:

H.B. #156, which would change the handgun calibers used for deer hunting to a range of calibers and would allow specified pistol caliber rifles to be used during the deer handgun season and in lieu of a shotgun during shotgun deer season(s), is on the House agenda tomorrow.

H.B. #157, which would allow the use of an air bow in lieu of a shotgun during shotgun deer season(s), is also on the House floor agenda tomorrow.

S.B. #117, which would allow air powered firearms to be possessed and utilized for hunting, passed the Senate (20 to 0) and is assigned to the House.

S.B. #31, which would allow a hunter to use a handgun in lieu of a shotgun on farms enrolled in the Department's deer depredation programs, passed the Senate (18 to 0) and is assigned to the House.

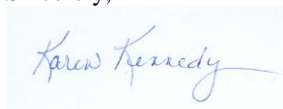
AGENDA FOR THE 8/29/2017 ADVISORY

COUNCIL MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes (Chairman).
2. Migratory Bird Forecast (Rob Hossler).
3. Impoundments (Craig Rhoads and Jeremy Ashe).
4. Director Update (David E. Saveikis).

There being no further business, a motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Kennedy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Kennedy" clearly distinguishable.

Karen Kennedy
Recording Secretary